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YLTA Legal Update

Judge denies Yorba Linda Water District's request to dismiss YLTA's Writ of Mandate. Trial date likely in May with potential for water rate referendum on November ballot.

On Thursday, January 28, during an Ex Parte hearing on our Application for an Alternative Writ of Mandate, Orange County Superior Court Judge Robert Moss denied Yorba Linda Water District's request to completely dismiss YLTA's Writ of Mandate that demands the District place the Water Rate Referendum on the ballot. However, Judge Moss apparently agreed with the District's opinion that the case should not be decided in a "hurried or rushed fashion," because of its statewide importance, and has decided not to expedite the trial date that would have allowed the referendum to be placed on the June Primary ballot.

View and download the District's Opposition at this link:
<https://app.box.com/s/6uvmv7850ymduveiph2e4u44axtaqxfd>

View YLTA's Writ of Mandate at this link:
<https://app.box.com/s/vqlrs3nqv8fgpq1vqg5aj9lvxeei6zyu>

The case will move forward with a Status Conference scheduled for February 29 that could set a trial date potentially in May. Should YLTA prevail in court, it would allow for the Water Rate Referendum to be placed on the November ballot, based on the Elections Code timetable.

"We are pleased to have jumped over this first hurdle and are very happy the judge is interested in hearing our landmark case," said YLTA Chairman Jeff Decker. "We had hoped the voters could address the water rates in the June primary, but a ballot measure on the excessive rates and the election of Water Board members in November will be a voter mandate on this Board's poor performance.

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